

CLAIMS

Now, therefore, the following is claimed:

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- 1           1.       A system for controlling electronic devices based on physiological  
2 responses, comprising:  
3           a sensor positioned adjacent to an eye of a user, said sensor configured to  
4 detect a physiological response of said user and to transmit, in response to a detection  
5 of said physiological response, a signal indicative of said physiological response; and  
6           a controller configured to receive said signal and to control an electronic  
7 device based on said signal.
  - 1           2.       The system of claim 1, wherein said controller is configured to  
2 determine a value indicative of an excitement level of said user based on said signal  
3 and to control said electronic device based on said value.
  - 1           3.       The system of claim 1, wherein said physiological response is a blink  
2 of an eyelid of said user.
  - 1           4.       The system of claim 1, wherein said physiological response is  
2 involuntary.
  - 1           5.       The system of claim 4, wherein said physiological response is  
2 indicative of an excitement level of said user.

1           6.     The system of claim 1, further comprising a contact lens coupled to  
2     said sensor.

1           67.    The system of claim 1, wherein said electronic device is a camera.

1           8.     The system of claim 1, further comprising an antenna coupled to said  
2     contact lens.

1           9.     The system of claim 8, wherein said sensor is configured to transmit  
2     said signal to said controller via said antenna.

1           10.    The system of claim 1, wherein said sensor comprises a switch that is  
2     positioned within a path of movement of an eyelid of said user, said switch activated  
3     when said user blinks said eyelid.

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11.     The system of claim 9, wherein said switch is coupled to said  
2     electronic device.

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1           17.     The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of counting, via  
2     said sensor, a number of eye blinks performed by said user within a specified time  
3     period, wherein said controlling step is based on said counting step.

1           18.     The method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:  
2             determining a value indicative of an excitement level of said user based on  
3     said based on said detecting step,  
4             wherein said controlling step is based on said value determined in said  
5     determining step.

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~~19~~.     The method of claim <sup>14</sup>~~18~~, wherein said electronic device is a camera.

1           20.     A system, comprising:  
2             a camera;  
3             a sensor configured to detect a physiological response of a user; and  
4             a controller configured to cause said camera to capture an image based on a  
5     detection of said physiological response by said sensor.

1           21.     The system of claim 20, wherein said physiological response is  
2     involuntary.

1           22.     The system of claim 20, wherein said controller is further configured to  
2     determine a value indicative of an excitement level of said user based on said  
3     detection and to cause said camera to capture said image based on said value.

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1 12. A system for controlling electronic devices based on physiological  
2 responses, comprising:  
3 a contact lens;  
4 a sensor coupled to said contact lens, said sensor configured to detect a  
5 physiological response of said user and to transmit, in response to a detection of said  
6 physiological response, a signal indicative of said physiological response; and  
7 a controller configured to receive said signal and to control an electronic  
8 device based on said signal.

1 13. The system of claim 12, wherein said electronic device is a camera.

1 14. The system of claim 12, wherein said sensor comprises a switch that is  
2 positioned within a path of movement of an eyelid of said user, said switch activated  
3 when said user blinks said eyelid.

1 15. A method for controlling electronic devices based on physiological  
2 responses, comprising the steps of:  
3 positioning a sensor adjacent to an eye of a user;  
4 detecting, via said sensor, a physiological response of said user; and  
5 automatically controlling an electronic device based on said detecting step.

1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein said sensor is coupled to a contact  
2 lens.

1           23.     The system of claim 20, further comprising a contact lens coupled to  
2     said sensor.

1           24.     The system of claim 20, wherein said physiological response is a blink  
2     of an eyelid of said user.

1           25.     A method, comprising the steps of:  
2     providing a camera;  
3     detecting a physiological response of a user of said camera; and  
4     automatically causing said camera to capture an image based on said detecting  
5     step.

1           26.     The method of claim 25, wherein said physiological response is  
2     involuntary.

1           27.     The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of determining,  
2     based on said detecting step, a value indicative of an excitement level of said user,  
3     wherein said causing step is performed based on said value.

1           28.     The method of claim 25, wherein said detecting step is performed by a  
2     sensor coupled to a contact lens.

1           29.     The method of claim 25, wherein said physiological response is a blink  
2     of an eyelid of said user.